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**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:47 PM  
**To:** Washington Trust for Historic Preservation  
**Cc:** Kiers, Roger  
**Subject:** Endangered Historic Puyallup River (McMillin) Bridge  
**Attachments:** McMillin\_Bridge\_HAER\_drawing\_1[1].pdf; McMillin\_Bridge\_HAER\_drawing\_2[2].pdf; McMillin\_Bridge\_HAER\_drawing\_3[1].pdf; McMillin\_Bridge\_WTHP\_2011\_most\_endangered\_nomination\_form-final[1].doc; McMillin\_Bridge\_TNT\_8-5-10[1].pdf; consulting\_parties\_031011[1].pdf; Puyallup\_Herald\_8-4-10[1].pdf; McMillin\_Br\_S\_portal\_to\_N[1].jpg; McMillin\_Bridge\_south\_portal\_&\_RR\_bridge\_HAER[1].jpg; McMillin\_Bridge\_portals\_in\_trusses\_HAER[1].jpg; McMillin\_Bridge\_construction\_ca\_1935\_HAER[2].jpg

To the WTHP Staff and Site Representatives:

Please find attached, the 2011 Nomination Form and supporting documents, requesting the Trust's assistance to remove the threat of the demolition of the subject historic property that is listed on the National Register of Historic places.

On June 17, 2008 the Project Management Office of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) issued a letter stating that the existing McMillin Bridge would be demolished when construction of the new, adjacent, parallel bridge was completed. This is such a unique bridge that it is probably the only one of its type in the world. WSDOT has demonstrated a complete lack of consideration for this valuable piece of national engineering history and the renowned talents of Homer Hadley, a Northwest pioneer engineer. There is no requirement to remove the bridge and it would be a wasteful expenditure of funds. If the bridge is demolished it will represent a disrespect for the preservation of Washington State's historic and cultural heritage, as well as the loss of the innovative efforts of the engineering profession.

Please help the consulting parties in our efforts to prevent this historical tragedy from occurring.

Although Mr. Roger Kiers is the official contact and representative for WSDOT, please feel free to contact me for any information or clarification of details that are related to the documents I have submitted to WSDOT. You may find my communications and those of the other consulting parties on the WSDOT ftp site (<ftp://ftp.wsdot.wa.gov/public/McMillin>).

For a general description <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr162/puyallupriverbridge/>

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Respectfully yours,

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